

BLACKSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT

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SUBJECT: Noise Ordinance Changed

In response to numerous neighborhood and citizen complaints, police have begun enforcing a Noise Ordinance with revised penalties.

Town Council passed the Ordinance, by unanimous vote, at their October 14, 2003 meeting. The changes affect only the penalty for violations and make the offense a Class 2 Misdemeanor. Fine structure has been changed from a minimum \$100.00 to a minimum \$300.00 fine for a first offense. Subsequent offenses within 12-months are \$500.00 for the first and \$1000.00 for all others.

Town Council, police officials and local government representatives worked on the revisions for months trying to come up with a suitable solution to the overwhelming number of complaints generated by parties throughout Town. During the final reading of the ordinance several citizens came forward to speak in favor of the action while none voiced opposition.

Police are not planning stepped-up enforcement or other special tactics. They will remain consistent with their enforcement and continue to respond to calls for service treating complaints as they have in the past.

Copies of the revised ordinance are available at the Blacksburg Police Department.